



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 15

Meeting Date: September 17, 2014
Meeting Location: Ripley County DCS, Versailles 47042

Council Members Present:

Barbara Bowling, Regional Manager; Sandra Ante-Sallee, Director; Gary Keith, Director; Michelle Smith, Director/Supervisor; Michelle Russell, Director; Nichole Lohrig, Director; Amy Phillips, Foster/Adopt Parent/YES Home;

Council Members Present by proxy:

Natalie Williams, Proxy for Ripley County Circuit Judge

Council Members Absent:

Chad Lewis, Prosecutor
Steven Cruse, FCM; Jessica Archer, FCM
Dena Steiner, Proxy for Judge Humphrey
Decatur Director (vacant)

Others In Attendance:

Bob Daugherty, Regional Finance Manager; Micci Frye, Regional Services Coordinator; Michael Singleton, CP/IHBS; Erica Roberts, IHBS; Shayne Ault, Youth Villages; Lisa Bushhorn, CHOICES; Teresa Nobbe, Clerical

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:30 pm

- I. Welcome/Roll Call – Barbara Bowling called meeting to order; introductions completed.
- II. Approval of July 16, 2014 RSC Minutes
 - A. *Sandy Ante-Sallee made a Motion to approve; Nichole Lohrig Second; all in favor.*
- III. PROGRAMS/COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Community Partners – Mike Singleton/Erica Roberts

1. Handouts – Monthly Summary; Closed Case Summary; Referrals Received; Budget Report
 2. Mike reviewed reports. Voting members expressed appreciation for the new Referral Report that lists community agencies completing referrals..
 3. Erica shared a couple of success stories – one from Jefferson County (self referral) and a DCS referral.
 4. Michelle Russell mentioned she, Mike and Nick were having a meeting in near future with the prosecutor regarding Father Engagement Program. Because of its success – may become part of plea agreements.
- B. Regional Finance Manager – Bob Daugherty
1. Do not have 2014/15 budget allocations yet. Expenditures through August compared to last year are up 16%.
- C. Regional Foster Care Specialist – Michelle Smith
1. Regional Foster Parent Appreciation event for 2015 will be held on June 13. Location TBA.
 2. Relative Specialist, Elizabeth (Liz) Ulery will begin her duties on October 2, 2014. Liz was an FCM in Decatur County.
 3. Amy Phillips asked if there would be any adoption subsidy informational meetings held in regions – Barb was not aware of any but would check.
- D. Regional Services Coordinator – Micci Frye
1. Statewide RFP is currently open. Providers have until October 15 to submit proposals. All contracts will end 6/30/15 with the exception of Homebuilders. It will end 3/31/15.
 2. Any RSC voting member wishing to serve on a scoring committee and has not been contacted; please check with a local DCS Director. Scoring has been revised, which should streamline process.
 3. Modification of contract: Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth for Substance Use Disorder Assessment; *Michelle Smith made a Motion to approve; Amy Phillips second; all in favor.*
 4. New contract: IN Institute for Behavior Analysis for HBT – Specialized in Special Needs/Autistic; *Natalie Williams made a Motion to approve; Michelle Russell seconded; all in favor.*
 5. Modification of contract: Ireland HBT to include Region 15; *Nichole Lohrig made a Motion to approve; Amy Phillips seconded; all in favor.*

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Biennial Plan – Meeting set for October 27, 2014. (4 different workgroups will be meeting)

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Amy Phillips updated council on Prime for Life, which was held 9/16/14.
- B. Amy Phillips informed council her Youth Group will be presenting *STAND UP! Change Teen Statistics*. Presentation will take place in February. Date & Locations TBA. Amy will update Barb because due to content it may result in reports to Hotline. Barb will inform hotline. May want to have DCS staff on site.
- C. Sandy Ante reported the Adoption Event for Region 15 will be held on November 8, 2014 in Versailles. Location and time TBA. It will be a carnival themed event!

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

November 19, 2014 / Versailles DCS Training Room / 1:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:00 pm

Amy Phillips made a Motion to adjourn, Sandy Ante-Sallee second; all in favor.